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Bishop of Huron,

DELIVERED BEFORE

THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE,

—IN—

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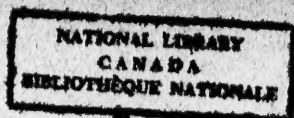


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The Chapter House, London, Ont.,

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To the Clergy of the Diocese of Huron :

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,—

At the recent session of Synod the following resolution was passed :

“Moved by His Honor Judge Kingsmill,

Seconded by His Honor Judge McMahon,

Resolved—That the Synod would respectfully recommend that the charge delivered by the Lord Bishop be read from the pulpit in every church in the Diocese, on some Sunday appointed by the Bishop, and that His Lordship be requested to issue a pastoral to that effect.”

In compliance with the above, I have, therefore, to request you to read my Synod Address, *in extenso* (the tabular statement at the end excepted), to your people from the pulpit, in place of a sermon, on SUNDAY, JULY 11th, 1880—the regular day for making the collection for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese—or where the mission is extensive, on the next succeeding Sunday on which service is held, so that the Address may be read in every church and station in the Diocese.

Commending you and your people to the grace of God, and to every good word and work,

Ever believe me,

Your affectionate brother and Bishop,

I. HURON.

N. B.—This pastoral to be read on the Sunday appointed previous to reading the charge.

ADDRESS

—OF—

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, TO THE SYNOD, JUNE, 1880.

BELOVED BRETHREN :—

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Most thankful do I feel that in the gracious providence of God we are once more permitted to meet here in peace and in prosperity. You will readily understand me when I say that this privilege of greeting you once again in Synod assembled, in the name of our common Lord and Master, greatly tends to quicken my sense of interest towards you all, my brethren in the faith of Christ and in the ministry of His Gospel. May every one of us fully realize the power and influence of the Holy Ghost, whose presence among us we have invoked, and may that self-same spirit teach and enable us rightly to discharge our duties, as loyal members of this legislative body ; may all our efforts and labors be in unison with the mind of Him, Who gave Himself for us, and Who left us an example that we should follow His steps : thus shall we bring forth the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

EPISCOPAL ACTS, ETC., ETC.

As usual, a detailed statement of these will be printed in the Journal of the Synod. The more important of them may be summed up thus :—

1. Ordained 7 Deacons.
2. " 9 Presbyters.
3. Confirmed 1776 Persons.
4. Baptized 3 Adults.
5. Consecrated 9 Churches.
6. " 2 Churchyards.
7. Opened 2 Churches.
8. Preached 131 Sermons.
9. Delivered 144 Addresses.
10. Attended 49 Meetings.
11. Administered the Holy Communion 34 times.

OBITUARY.

The mournful duty devolves upon me to record the demise of five of our clerical brethren since we last met in Synod, viz.: the Revs. Canon Bettridge, F. Mack, F. G. Elliott, Canon Grasset and J. Smythe. I am sure I am only expressing the feelings of the members of this Synod, when I say that we deeply sympathize with the bereaved families of these our brethren, and that they have our prayers that the God of all comfort and grace may sustain them in their afflictions. "Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord; even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors." It is also my sad duty to record the death of one of the oldest and most faithful lay members of our body, Mr. John Beard, of Woodstock. For many years he was a member of the Provincial as well as of our Diocesan Synod, and as Lay-Secretary of our Synod we have all learned to esteem and love him. He was a man of good common sense, deep convictions of duty, of unblemished integrity, devoted to the best interests of the Church, ever ready for active work in his Master's cause. His humble, steadfast trust in his Saviour, and love for Him were the power and grace of his Christian life. These gave tone and energy to his devotion. He has passed into rest, leaving a pure name and a pious example. No secondary praise is due to the memory of JOHN BEARD, whose useful life is an example to our lay brethren.

LAY SECRETARY.

In accordance with the Constitution, I have appointed Mr. C. F. Complin to act, *ad interim*, as Lay Secretary. Mr. Complin kindly complied with my request, and is, I am confident, capable of proving a most efficient officer.

EDUCATIONAL.

I do not think it possible that any intelligent Churchman can at this period fail to realize the valuable assistance our Church must derive from the possession of first-class educational institutions, in which our younger members will not only be instructed in all that is essential to a liberal and solid education, but also in the Protestant and Evangelical principles of our Reformed Church, which have exercised such a widely beneficent influence upon the Mother Country, and upon her vast Colonial possessions. In the words of one of our English prelates:—"If we are to have the position God has given us, then we must live up to the position, and bring forth fruits worthy of it, and we must work that out in all the different departments in which it can be worked out. For instance, we have a right to look to the Church of England as being the leader of thought in these difficult times. We have great advantages with regard to the great questions that are stirring men's minds. We have in the Church of England a higher order of education on the whole than any church in the world has; and we have a more highly educated ministry, and a highly educated laity. Then, I may say, that the Church of England ought to take part, and a leading part, in the matter to which I have just referred—"Education."

The different Christian Denominations are especially alive in this matter, and ministers and people alike are making remarkable efforts to build and endow higher educational institutions for the benefit of their respective bodies. In this they are wise; for beyond question, such institutions will do much to strengthen and perpetuate their various religious systems. This is a part of our duty to our beloved Church in this Western Canadian Diocese which demands our most earnest and practical consideration.

I acknowledge—and you will bear me witness—that it has ever been an object dear to my heart, that in this Diocese, where in God's good providence, my lot has been cast, the highest advantages in respect of sound Christian education should be extended as far as possible to all within its limits. And, certainly, even in respect of what has been already achieved, I cannot but feel that God's blessing has been and is with us, and that the institutions which we even at the present time possess, have been, and are, a great strength to our Church, and an incalculable benefit, not only to our own Diocese, but to many far beyond its borders.

HURON COLLEGE.

At this present time, not less than FIFTY of our working Clergy in this Diocese have received their theological training in Huron College; men to whose faithfulness, as able ministers of the New Testament, I rejoice to bear here my public testimony, and I feel most thankful to know that they are diligent, successful, and acceptable Pastors to the flocks severally committed to their charge; while others, who have also been trained in our Theological College, have been called to occupy prominent positions in other Dioceses.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

But in addition to what has already been effected in the past, most of you are familiar with the fact, that not only the College Staff and Alumni of Huron College, but very many members of our Church in this Diocese, are looking forward for the speedy establishment of our Western University.

When I publicly endorsed the University scheme, I well knew the grave difficulties which we should have to contend with in bringing it to a successful issue; but feeling the necessity and importance of the work, I felt confident that God would be with us, and that He would awaken the sympathy and co-operation of His people, both here and in the Motherland, to help us in this our great undertaking.

Notwithstanding the great commercial depression so extensively prevalent during the past few years, I feel thankful that I am enabled to report to you that the result of our efforts up to this present time proves to demonstration that God, even our own God, is owning

and blessing the undertaking. We can set up our Ebenezer also, and say with Samuel of old: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

The sums already subscribed both here and in England amount to no less than \$60,000!—no small amount to begin with (and that within so short a working period)—besides the promises of many English friends to subscribe for a period of not less than five years towards the maintenance of the professorial Staff, by which time we trust to secure endowments both for Scholarships and for the permanent support of the Professors of the University. To God alone we desire to give all the praise and glory.

My own purpose, I do not hesitate to say, is fixed and clear. "Having set my hand to the plough, I shall not look back." God helping me, I will leave nothing undone to bring to as speedy a completion as possible a work which I believe hereafter will be universally recognized as one of incalculable benefit to our Church and country.

If we may judge the future by the past—being already in possession of a charter with all the University powers—I do not see why in a very few years from this our Western University should not be in operation, with such a Staff of Professors from our British Universities as would inspire universal confidence and command every respect.

BISHOP ALFORD.

My Right Reverend friend and brother, Dr. Alford, late Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, fully sympathizing with us in all our efforts to advance higher Christian education and the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, has in the most generous and disinterested spirit, kindly tendered to me his brotherly assistance in all that concerns the well-being and progress of the work of Christ in our Diocese.

Need I say how gladly and gratefully I avail myself of his valuable assistance? Conscious as I have been in the past of the need of just such assistance as Bishop Alford is so generously willing and able to supply, I cannot but recognize at this particular juncture of time the gracious and loving hand of our Heavenly Father in this, as in all the blessings which He has vouchsafed to us during my somewhat arduous Episcopate. I have, therefore, appointed Bishop Alford my Commissary, and licensed him as one of the Canons of our Huron Cathedral, which positions he has been pleased to accept without any charge whatsoever upon our Diocesan funds. He is one who will thoroughly identify himself with us in every good word and work, and commend himself to us as an experienced Christian scholar, as well as a faithful Bishop of our beloved Church, whose only motive in coming amongst us is to help forward the work of Christ in that portion of the Lord's Vineyard where he feels he can best employ the varied talents with which God has endowed him.

I feel sure you will accord to him a warm and brotherly welcome to the Diocese, and do all in your power, as clergy and people—more especially during my absence—to make him feel at home during his sojourn in our midst, whether of long or short duration. While Bishop Alford is amongst us, I shall, with greater satisfaction to myself, be able to devote a portion of my time to secure from friends on both sides of the Atlantic the necessary means to complete the work of our University.

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY AGENT.

In compliance with resolution XVIII., passed at the last session of Synod, the Standing Committee appointed the Rev. W. F. Campbell, Missionary Agent. During the short period that he has been engaged in this work, I am thankful to be able to say, that he has not only faithfully, diligently, and with acceptability attended to the duties of his office, but he has, under God, been most successful in his efforts to awaken a deeper interest in our Diocesan and Foreign Mission cause. His report shows fully and satisfactorily the extent of his labors, &c. I am thoroughly convinced that the Synod and Standing Committee, in adopting such an agency, have taken a step in the right direction. Mr. Campbell is eminently fitted for this work; his heart is in it, and the success which has thus far attended his efforts is, I trust, an earnest and pledge of greater things yet to come.

DIOCESAN INCOME.

It is with gratitude to God, and with unspeakable pleasure, that I am able to give you the cheering news, that our income this year exceeds that of every preceding one since the formation of this Diocese. The income has reached this year the sum of \$13,300.25, being an increase of \$1,490.79 over that of last year. Need I say that to God, and to Him alone, is due all the praise and all the glory, Who so graciously inclined His people to devise liberal things, and Who causes us to triumph over every obstacle and perplexing difficulty.

MISSION FUND.

The receipt from voluntary contributions, directly available for missionary purposes, shows an increase of \$1626.79 as compared with last year. In view of this increase, I recommended to the Standing Committee to carry out *at once*, for the past year, the provision made in Canon XXIX., viz.: that "a Priest over five years' standing should in their discretion receive at least \$800 per annum, if the funds of the Synod will admit of it." With this recommendation, I am glad to say, the Committee unhesitatingly complied. And here I would say, beloved brethren of the clergy and laity, that I can see no difficulty in securing to every Missionary Clergyman a stipend of not less than \$1,000 per annum, if you will only put forth unitedly your

prayerful and working efforts to increase the income of our Mission Fund. It rests entirely with you, under God, to bring about this desirable end.

DIOCESAN WORK.

Nearly ten years have now elapsed since, in the providence of God, I was called to the charge and oversight of this Diocese, and it is but natural that you should expect from me an account of my stewardship during that period; and how can I do this better than by furnishing you with a more detailed and full statement of the past and present condition of our Diocese.

First and above all, we desire to acknowledge with thankfulness the goodness of our God, Whose blessing upon our united efforts and labors has enabled us to carry forward and onward the work of God, so happily inaugurated by my revered and excellent predecessor, Bishop Cronyn.

It is my pleasing duty, at this time, to offer for your information and that of our Church members in general, a statistical statement of the present condition of the Diocese, as compared with that furnished by the printed returns in 1871, the year in which I assumed the charge of the Diocese.

	1871.	1880.
Parishes.....	88	103
Churches.	142	216
Parsonages	24	61
Mission Stations..	27	43
Number of Clergy.....	92	120

SYNODICAL RECTORIES.

Twelve Parishes formerly dependent upon Mission Fund aid have been constituted Synodical Rectories.

This comparison gives an increase of *15 Parishes; 74 Churches; 37 Parsonages; 16 Mission Stations; 18 Clergymen, and 91 additional localities supplied with the ministrations of the Church.*

The number of Clergy employed in parochial work has been increased by 18, notwithstanding that we have had to deplore the loss of 18 by death; and we have at the present time 11 Clergymen on the Superannuation List, who, but for the aid they receive from our surplus Commutation Fund, would be left without any provision to meet their wants in their declining years. During my Episcopate I have ordained 53 Deacons and 53 Presbyters. I have received from other Dioceses 41 Clergymen, and 43 have left the Diocese, in which number are included the Bishops of Algoma and Toronto.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

Our financial position is equally encouraging. The income of our Diocese is partly derived from the interest of certain invested funds, and partly from voluntary contributions. The returns from the former source depend largely upon the care with which these trust funds are managed by the Standing Committee and its responsible officers. The receipts from voluntary sources are not controllable in the same way by legislation, but depend upon the personal and active interest of the Clergy and Laity; being subject also to fluctuation on account of the weather, crops, prices, commercial prosperity and many other contingencies which influence the general prosperity of the country from year to year.

It must afford unfeigned satisfaction, and call forth our humble and hearty thanks to our Heavenly Father, that both our income from invested funds and also the voluntary contributions from the members of the Church show a decided *increase* over previous years.

Turning first to our voluntary Diocesan income, we find the comparison as follows:

1871.	1880.
\$10,022.91.	\$13,300.25.

Giving thus an increase of \$3,277.34. There can be no doubt, had the country enjoyed general prosperity during the whole of this period, the increase would have been much larger than it is. During 1872 and 1873—years of great prosperity in the country—the Diocesan income steadily grew to a larger amount than ever before, the increase in 1873 being \$3,194.29 over that of 1871.

My revered predecessor on several occasions felt constrained to draw the attention of the Synod to the unsatisfactory state of the Mission Fund. In 1869 he addressed the Synod in the following language:

"I regret to find that the Missionary Fund is not in a satisfactory state. I have felt it necessary at my last ordination to warn the gentlemen who were ordained, that in consequence of the state of the Mission Fund, I could not promise them any support from the Church Society, and that they should enter upon their missions at their own risk. I intend to adopt the same plan with all whom I ordain, until our Mission Fund is in such a state that I shall feel myself warranted in holding out to Missionaries some certain prospect of remuneration from the funds of the Society."

As soon as I took charge of the Diocese and ascertained the unsatisfactory condition of our Diocesan funds, I felt constrained to issue an appeal to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, urging upon them the necessity for immediate action to place our funds upon a better basis, in the following words:

"I take this opportunity of further addressing you on a subject

"that I feel sure you will consider with me to be of vital importance
 "to the very life and progress of the Church in this vast Diocese.
 "For some time past we have all felt that the income of the Church
 "Society is inadequate to maintain, as it ought, even the existing
 "Missionary staff; much less are we able—owing to the *heavy debt*
 "on the Mission Fund—to answer the increasing demands and
 "wants of this rapidly growing Diocese. The salaries of the Clergy
 "generally, and of the Missionary staff in particular, are so small,
 "and in many instances so irregularly paid and unreliable, that there
 "is just cause for uneasiness on this head also. While the expense
 "of living has largely increased in every way, it is much to be
 "deplored that the income of the Clergy has not been increased
 "commensurate with their position, wants, and demands upon them.
 "The claims upon the Widows' and Orphans' Fund have increased
 "to such an extent that unless some speedy measures are taken to
 "augment the same, there will be a very sad prospect for the
 "widows and orphans of our Clergy. My mind has been much
 "exercised how to remedy this state of things, and what measures
 "and plans ought to be adopted to meet the emergencies before us.

"Of one thing I am certain, if our treasury is to be replenished
 "and increased, by which the machinery of the Church Society can
 "be set into active and successful operation, we must adopt a more
 "systematic plan of working than is at present in use, by which to
 "enlist the prayerful, active interest and co-operation of every
 "individual member of the Church, and not rest satisfied until all,
 "young and old, have been secured as regular quarterly or annual
 "subscribers to the funds of the Church Society." (*Vide Pastoral*,
 November, 1871.)

This appeal was met, I am thankful to say, with a liberal
 response, as shown by the figures given above, viz., an increase
 from 1871 to 1873 of \$3,194.29. But, notwithstanding this increase,
 we found ourselves going every year more deeply into debt. Even
 in 1873—up to that time, the most prosperous year since the exist-
 ence of the Diocese—we closed the books with a debt against our
 Mission Fund of \$3,852.53, which caused the late Secretary of the
 Church Society to wind up the Annual Report (1873) with the
 following remarks upon the state of the Mission Fund:—"The
 "Committee regret being obliged to report a deficiency in the
 "amount received for this, the most important branch of the
 "Society's work. Compared with the previous year, the deficiency
 "is over \$500; while the comparative expenditure of the same
 "period shows an excess of nearly \$3,000. The Committee are,
 "therefore, again compelled to bring before the Society the neces-
 "sity of greater exertions being made to place the Mission Fund in
 "a better position, otherwise the scale of grants made from this
 "Fund must be reduced." (*Vide Church Society Report*, 1873.)

And but for the fact that the "Surplus Commutation" money was ultimately thrown again into its legitimate channel, the Mission Fund; for the benefit of the Missionary Clergy, we would by this time have been hopelessly in debt, if not in a bankrupt condition; many missionary parishes would have been deprived of the ministrations of the Church, which are now in the enjoyment of faithful Pastors, and the stipend of the Missionary Clergy—then inadequate for their support—would indeed have had to suffer a further reduction, or many of the missions to be closed.

Thank God, from such a calamity we have been saved; and God, even our own God, has blessed us and prospered our handiwork upon us.

For although this country since 1873 has passed through a period of unparalleled commercial depression, it is our privileged task, with gratitude to God, to record the steady growth and prosperity of our Diocesan work, as illustrated by the facts and figures which I have already mentioned, showing an increase in the number of Clergy; the extension of the Church's ministrations into many new fields; the erection of a large number of beautiful and costly churches and parsonages; the annually increasing contributions in aid of Foreign Missions; the growth of many mission fields into self-sustaining parishes; and, best of all, since 1874, we have not only kept our expenditure within the limits of our annual income, but have been able to wipe out the greater portion of that heavy debt, which had been incurred during previous years.

To show the progress the Church in this Diocese has made during my administration, I have caused tables to be prepared, giving the details of the voluntary Diocesan income during the last eighteen years (these tables will be found in the Appendix), which show an aggregate increase in voluntary contributions of \$34,547.51, for the period during which, in providence of God, I have been at the head of this Diocese. While deeply conscious that we could and ought to have done more in this way to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom, I yet cannot consider this steady and liberal support of our Diocesan work, during a protracted period of financial stringency, otherwise than as a sign of active life amongst us, and a great cause of thankfulness to the Head of the Church, Who has so graciously inclined His people thus to show their sympathy with His cause. Nor am I insensible, beloved brethren of the clergy and laity, how much your hearty and zealous co-operation has accomplished in bringing about so cheering a result.

INVESTED FUNDS.

The total cash capital of the Synod Trust and Diocesan Funds in 1871 was \$522,465.60. The capital has since been largely increased, partly owing, of course, to the sale of lands which had

been for many years totally unproductive, and this year I find it has reached the sum of \$665,898.57, being an increase of \$143,432.97.

It is only proper to state that in this amount are included various Trust Funds (as, for instance, the Episcopal, Rectorial, and Endowment Funds), which are by law limited to their specific objects, and therefore are not available for any other purposes. We have, I am thankful to say, the strongest and most incontestible evidence of the judicious manner in which our funds have been administered, as well as of the prosperity of our Diocese, in the fact, that the interest derived from all invested funds, both Trust and Diocesan, in 1871, was only \$27,418.34; whereas, our books, this year, show returns from these sources of \$44,513.13, being an increase in our income from invested capital of over \$17,000.00!

In connection with this fact, I have great pleasure in bearing my public testimony to the efficiency of our excellent Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Reed, whose untiring energy, zeal and devoted ability in the discharge of his arduous duties have not a little contributed to secure such a gratifying result.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

On my accession to the Episcopate, the condition of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was to me a source of great anxiety, although there were at that time only eight pensioners upon the fund. In the Pastoral, which I then felt it my duty to issue, I made the urgent appeal on its behalf which I have already quoted. I rejoice to be able now to inform the Synod that the capital of this fund has nearly doubled during the last nine years—the increase being \$25,364.89! The importance of this augmented capital will be the more evident when we consider how the claims upon this fund have been increasing from year to year. At the present time *twenty* widows are receiving assistance from this fund, and it is truly gratifying to learn from the Standing Committee's report of this year, that we have not only paid their several claims in full, according to the provisions of the Canon, but have also been able to add \$1200 to the capital for investment, making a total invested capital of \$55,279.75. I sincerely trust that the object to which this fund is devoted will still command for it the generous and deserved support of all the members of our Church. I trust, the day is not distant, when, for the comfort of our Clergy, we may be enabled to make larger provision for the wants of their widows and orphans.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

This fund had its origin at our Synod in 1868, upon the suggestion of F. W. Thomas, Esq., a prominent and influential member of Synod, whilst he resided in this Diocese, and one who always took a deep interest in promoting the welfare of the Church. This suggestion met with the hearty approval and active support of our

dear late Bishop, who spoke of the establishment of this fund, as "a work, the value of which cannot be over-estimated, and the beneficial effect of which upon the Church will be felt for all time to come."

I rejoice to say, that this fund has now reached the amount of \$49,117.98, all of which has been most judiciously invested; and the interest is applied from year to year towards the support of our Missionary Clergy. The value of such a reliable and permanent source of income for missionary purposes must be evident to all, and most gladly would I see it very largely increased for the benefit of our faithful and self-denying Missionaries.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

This detailed statement of our financial prosperity bears the best testimony to the faithful and judicious manner in which our Diocesan affairs have been managed by the "Standing Committee" of the Diocese, both before and since the late Church Society was by Act of our Provincial Legislature "united to and incorporated with" the Synod under its present title of "The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Huron," a step by means of which all our congregations are now enabled, through their duly elected representatives, to share in the government and management of our Diocesan affairs.

So much, indeed, under God, does our prosperity as a Diocese depend upon the Standing Committee, elected annually by ballot at the meeting of Synod, that I do not hesitate to say, that the Synod merely exercises a due precaution in selecting for so responsible a position only those of its members who are not only qualified by their practical ability to deal with the various important matters which from time to time demand their most careful consideration, but who are also known to be loyal in their attachment to all that concerns the peace and prosperity of our beloved Church in this rapidly growing Diocese.

In the retrospect which we have thus taken of our Diocesan affairs, during my Episcopate from 1871 up to this period, we can gratefully re-echo the words addressed by the Apostle to the brethren he met at Appii Forum: "Thank God, and take courage." And although the difficulties attending our operations have at times been perplexing and very trying, yet, having looked upward for that wisdom from above which is promised to the prayer of faith, we have fully realized the precious promises: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world;" and again, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn;" and again, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

We, therefore, implicitly trust for a continuance of every needed blessing from the Great Head of the Church, the entire glory of which we would still ascribe to Him, with whom alone is all counsel and sound wisdom and understanding and strength.

But while thus thankfully acknowledging the goodness of God in prospering our work in the past, yet I must here express my conviction that all our efforts yet made are inexpressably feeble, when compared with the object of winning souls for Christ, and with the means possessed by our people.

The members of the Church have to be awakened to a more enlarged view of the blessed privilege of extending the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The prophetic direction to the Church is:—"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations ; spare not, lengthen thy cords "and strengthen thy stakes."

There is no time to be lost ; our own lives are swiftly passing away. The season of unparalleled advantage which we now enjoy is likewise rapidly passing away. Let, therefore, every true follower of Christ adopt the spirit of the Master's declaration:—"I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work."

PRAYER.

Need I say to this Christian assembly that prayer is our great resource and strength in the prosecution of the trust reposed in us. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself taught us to say continually, "Thy Kingdom come." He Himself commands us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to "send forth laborers into the harvest," and the encouragements to prayer are very great, of which we have many illustrations in God's Word ; "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Oh that my voice might reach the most distant Christian people to pour forth their unceasing supplication to Him who heareth and answereth prayers for the outpouring of His Spirit on them and on the Church throughout the world. At this time, while we are assembled to legislate how best to advance the Kingdom of our Lord, let us resolve that we will fervently and constantly pray for His great blessing. To the end of life let us pray on in faith ; with unwearied perseverance let us pray till the Spirit of God be poured upon us in the plenitude of His richest grace. Thus praying to God in downright earnest, we shall yet see all that we desire accomplished, and God, even our own God, "shall bless us and prosper the work of our hands, yea, prosper our handiwork upon us."

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Comparative Statement of Diocesan Voluntary Years, being from the year ending May 15,

	May 15, 1863.	May 15, 1864.	May 15, 1865.	Mar. 31, 1866.	Mar. 31, 1867.	Mar. 31, 1868.	Mar. 31, 1869.	Mar. 31, 1870.	Mar. 31, 1871.	TOTAL.
Paroch'l Assoc'n.	\$4226 59	\$4395 04	\$4149 70	\$4983 50	\$5419 87	\$5248 08	\$5047 82	\$5248 11	\$5345 28	\$44064 89
Mission Fund,) quarterly coll.)	1288 46	1352 40	1307 72	1019 46	1559 64	1538 59	1326 41	1418 78	1511 47	12322 93
Meetings.	703 94	819 15	649 74	842 36	871 09	805 50	938 78	928 50	902 30	7461 36
W. & O. quar.) coll. and fees)	457 40	518 60	516 36	585 40	559 23	687 20	531 24	566 22	690 04	5111 69
Synod assess'm't.	6 30			153 00	198 00	664 00	396 00	240 00	363 00	2020 30
Thanksgiving.		325 30		499 05		294 38	338 19	582 21	721 95	2761 08
Mission Boxes									190 37	190 37
Special collect'ns									21 00	21 00
Donations	442 11	365 07	375 28	419 22	406 45	357 35	345 25	311 70	277 50	3299 83
Foreign Missions	31 42									31 42
	\$7156 22	\$7775 56	\$6998 80	\$8502 59	\$9014 18	\$9596 00	\$8923 69	\$9295 52	\$10022 91	\$77285 47
COUNTIES.										
Brant.	\$768 88	\$662 64	\$433 69	\$512 55	\$803 45	\$711 61	\$725 19	\$637 18	\$632 16	\$5887 35
Bruce.	245 05	229 37	187 76	331 53	402 99	463 52	371 75	457 22	424 21	3113 40
Elgin.	315 54	466 54	349 22	466 92	493 95	535 94	575 96	513 82	470 62	4188 51
Essex.	278 11	288 68	264 73	245 07	217 47	304 39	181 87	288 41	428 08	2496 81
Grey.	279 12	283 17	269 01	438 11	513 33	474 36	469 57	465 91	440 74	3573 32
Huron.	503 06	811 25	567 33	783 35	793 51	1118 42	981 23	959 55	844 47	7362 17
Kent.	286 81	251 79	489 56	519 60	445 05	387 72	333 04	375 62	438 50	3527 69
Lambton.	597 15	797 25	709 73	664 03	776 57	624 32	653 15	778 96	754 30	6355 46
Middlesex.	1537 31	1664 22	1571 28	1691 54	1673 78	1906 20	1674 81	1975 18	2108 29	15802 61
Norfolk.	359 99	395 99	377 88	388 65	429 70	456 54	439 14	530 80	481 07	3859 76
Oxford.	595 28	580 26	478 41	661 62	722 43	844 36	760 53	719 91	987 13	6350 03
Perth.	483 18	454 84	450 52	671 41	677 57	720 57	599 55	585 11	639 44	5282 19
Waterloo.	368 34	466 76	476 19	577 70	560 10	518 65	533 51	592 26	588 21	4661 72
Amounts paid Sec. and not credited in county collns.	538 40	422 70	433 49	550 51	504 28	529 40	624 39	415 59	785 69	4804 45
	\$7156 22	\$7775 56	\$6998 80	\$8502 59	\$9014 18	\$9596 00	\$8923 69	\$9295 52	\$10022 91	\$77285 47

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Collections & Contributions, for the last Eighteen
1863, to the year ending March 31, 1880.

	TOTAL.	Mar. 31, 1872.	Mar. 31, 1873.	Mar. 31, 1874.	Mar. 31, 1875.	Mar. 31, 1876.	Mar. 31, 1877.	Mar. 31, 1878.	Mar. 31, 1879.	Mar. 31, 1880.	TOTAL.
\$4064 89		6050 34	\$ 7156 57	\$ 6538 49	\$ 5849 53	\$ 5074 11	\$ 5460 96	\$ 5464 37	\$ 5146 81	\$ 6175 71	\$33816 89
12322 93		2202 83	2045 89	2174 83	2284 97	2006 17	1957 22	1985 62	1898 34	2123 92	18679 79
7461 36		1079 03	1002 99	836 37	761 76	1071 63	1039 05	1259 44	968 07	1319 04	9337 38
5111 69		818 73	1431 71	1462 69	1159 34	1290 46	1206 07	1324 59	1345 43	1206 94	11336 86
2020 30		279 00	287 50	347 00	593 00	490 00	627 00	557 00	688 00	792 00	4660 50
2761 08		591 45	485 88	504 92	571 11	825 06	679 33	608 24	775 92	808 80	5940 71
190 37		822 60	472 02	424 68	149 43	77 43	25 08			71 68	2042 92
21 00				275 69	253 43	274 04	118 59	176 75	151 57	92 38	1322 45
3999 83		349 11	334 64	77 30	135 05	92 32	468 66	6 26	14 00	21 85	1490 19
.....				153 59	517 02	118 21	289 92	707 30	821 32	507 93	3205 29
31 42											
\$77285 47		\$12184 09	\$13217 20	\$12795 56	\$12254 64	\$12219 43	\$11872 78	\$12179 57	\$11809 46	\$13300 25	\$111832 98
\$5887 35		\$ 754 27	\$ 982 62	\$ 1049 33	\$ 973 55	\$ 908 77	\$ 892 90	\$ 782 93	\$ 639 66	\$ 636 27	\$7620 30
3113 40		297 12	372 25	645 41	600 31	520 09	519 70	637 23	700 17	811 29	5103 57
4188 51		659 54	668 74	569 65	666 75	542 17	477 13	483 42	402 90	544 80	5015 10
2496 81		586 78	553 68	472 52	380 40	499 53	305 66	339 99	284 45	433 46	3856 47
3573 32		577 09	543 43	640 84	707 12	815 59	479 77	487 80	469 09	532 14	3252 87
7362 17		1062 31	1032 87	1213 67	1208 13	1143 20	1191 48	1240 15	1040 42	1415 97	10548 20
3527 69		483 59	565 34	365 90	579 19	654 03	655 91	630 11	582 71	594 22	5114 00
6355 46		851 82	942 14	982 59	762 35	946 35	881 33	945 01	935 41	1017 59	8264 59
15802 61		3239 88	3294 08	3206 30	3079 74	3219 39	3050 62	3243 78	3559 61	3648 59	20541 09
3859 76		497 68	578 13	623 95	504 89	510 57	497 25	554 12	543 61	621 51	4931 71
6350 03		1192 33	1276 68	990 32	852 97	900 22	1140 61	960 16	887 55	1112 09	9312 93
5282 19		613 61	664 76	779 96	621 61	525 27	367 84	613 98	613 19	660 74	5460 96
4681 72		865 50	794 13	596 60	516 59	434 89	453 86	388 83	465 15	454 98	4970 53
4804 45		502 57	948 35	658 52	801 04	599 36	958 72	872 06	685 54	816 60	6842 76
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